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VIA E-FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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Re: Consolidated Docket Nos. 2017-207-E, 2017-305-E, and 2017-370-E, and
Docket No. 2018-217-E: Procedure Addressing Implementation of South Carolina General Assembly House
Bill 4375, Including Provision of an Experimental Rate as Referenced in S. C. Code Ann. Section 58-34-20

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") looks at scheduling going forward in the above-referenced cases, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") offers the following.

For Docket No. 2017-305-E and with the passage of HB 4375¹, ORS respectfully submits that the issue of suspending the collection of revised rates in this docket is now being addressed in Docket No. 2018-217-E.

The abandonment proceeding in Docket No. 2017-370-E is the largest case since ORS's creation in 2004. ORS is planning to conduct depositions, and by July 6, 2018, ORS will have documents made available to it pursuant to Hearing Officer Order No. 2018-73-H. ORS respectfully requests that ORS and the intervening parties be permitted as much time as practical to continue their review and prepare testimony for Docket No. 2017-370-E. The dates proposed by ORS on May 31, 2018 support ORS's review and testimony preparation.

Respectfully,

Shannon B. Hudson

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¹The Commission promptly established a docket for implementation of HB 4375. See Procedure Addressing Implementation of South Carolina General Assembly House Bill 4375, Including Provision of an Experimental Rate as Referenced in S.C. Code Ann. § 58-34-20, Docket No.: 2018-217-E.